BLESSED HOPE BIBLE CHURCH

Learning of Christ, Loving in Christ, Leaning on Christ, Living for Christ, Leading to Christ Based on the Word of God

THE OIRACLES OF JESUS

HE HAS DONE ALL THINGS WELL



The Healing of the Deaf-mute man Mark 7:31-37

INTRODUCTION

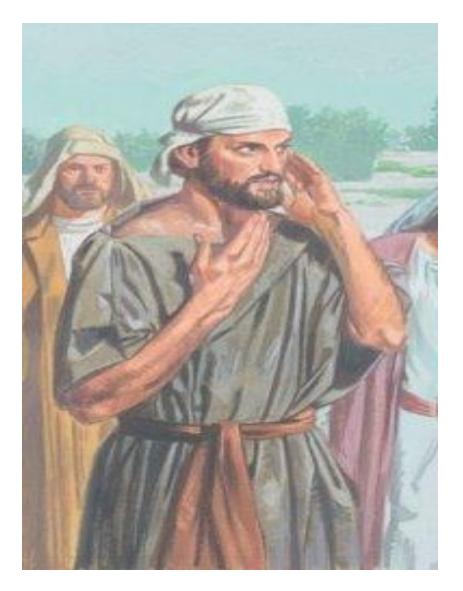
- The miracle of the healing of the deaf man with a speech impediment is recorded only in the Gospel of Mark.
- The miracles of Jesus not only show His power and authority (e.g., over nature, over disease, over demons, over death) but they foreshadow the greater blessings that Christ, the Messiah, will bring in at the Messianic age.

Isaiah 34:4-6 THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIANIC AGE

- Say to those who are fearful-hearted,
 - "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you."
 - Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
 - Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing.
 - For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

- The Lord really does care about the physical sicknesses, disabilities, and diseases that afflict us in this life, but He is more concern about the spiritual condition that is the true cause of the physical aliments.
- LESSON: The physical healing of the Lord is an **illustration** of a greater spiritual healing of the Lord that the Lord will bring.
- From the healing of the deaf-stammer man, we will look at three features that show how the physical healing is an illustration of a greater spiritual healing.

THE MAN AND HIS CONDITION

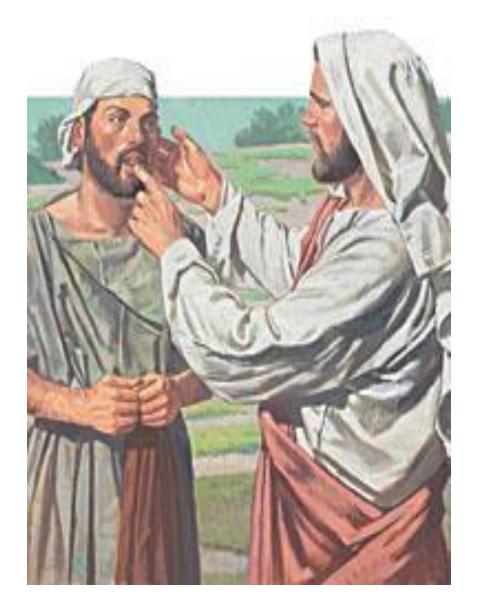


- He had a physical disability:
 - He could not hear
 - He had a speech impediment
- The Result
 - He had difficulty communication with others
 - He had difficulty in the public worship of God
 - He was isolated from society
- Special Note: We should never mock or make fun of the physically challenged (the handicapped) for they symbolize the helpless and hopeless condition of all mankind.

- Some Lessons:
 - The physical handicap of this deaf-stammering man is an **illustration** of mankind's sinful handicap before God.
 - Sinful man has difficulty hearing the Word of God and speaking the Word of God.
 - The healing of this deafstammering man is an illustration of an age (the millennial kingdom) where there will be no more physical handicaps (no more fake eyes, teeth, hair, legs, arms; no more wheel chairs, crutches or institutions)

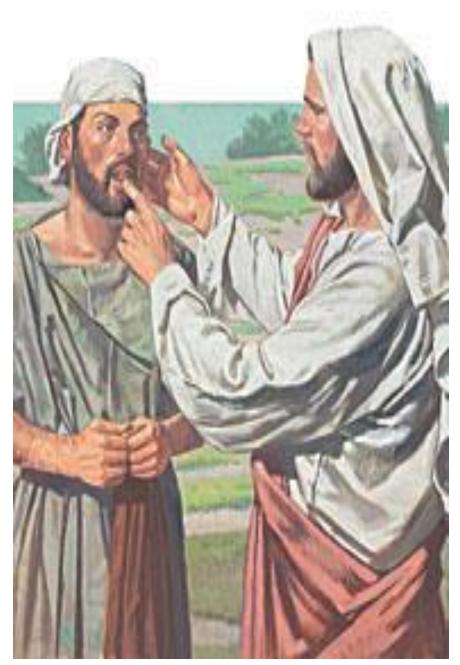


THE MASTER AND HIS CURE

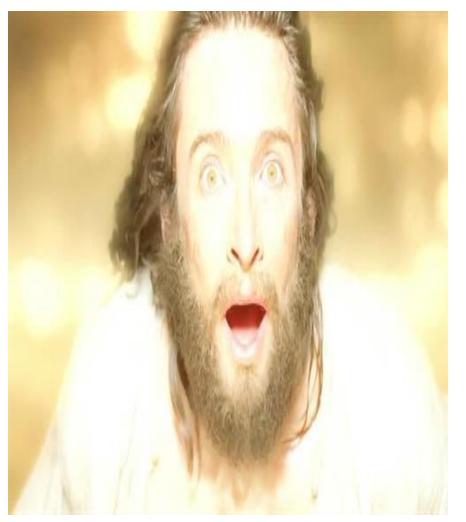


- The Method was unconventional and contrary to the ways of men!
 - He separated the man from the crowd
 - He put His fingers in the man's ears
 - He spat and touched the man's tongue
 - He then looked up to heaven, sighed, and said to the man "Ephphatha"

- Some Lessons:
 - The Lord's method of healing this man shows that He has the sovereign right and prerogative to heal who He wants, when He wants, where He wants, how He wants, and why He wants.
 - This healing illustrates that the Lord delivers on His terms according to His prerogatives.
 - Note very carefully:
 Salvation is given on His term according to His prerogative—NOT man's

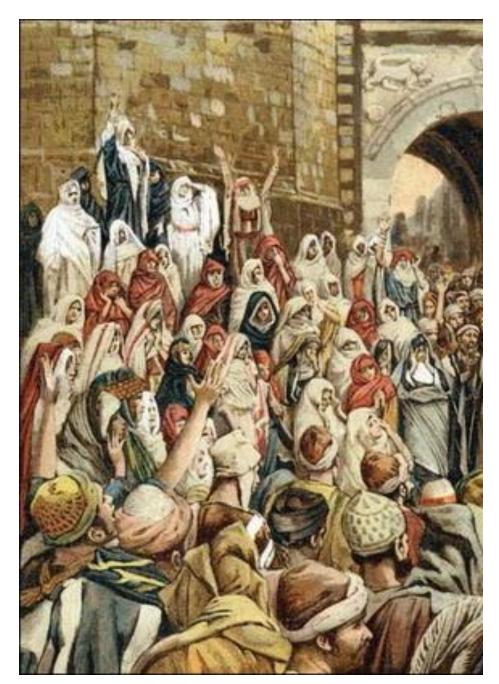


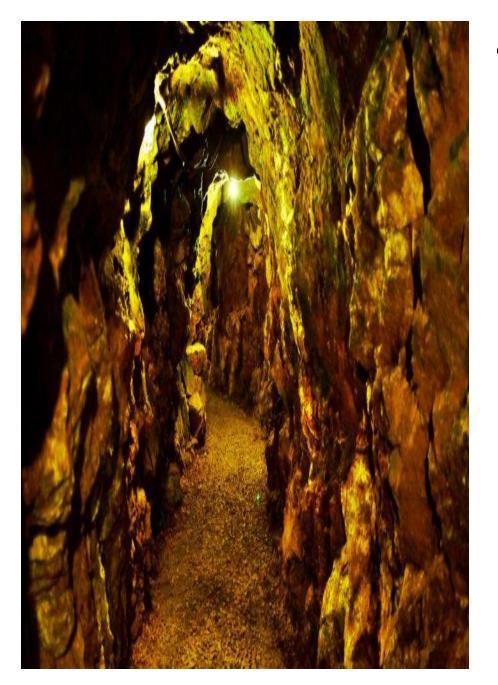
THE MULTITUDE AND THEIR CONFESSION



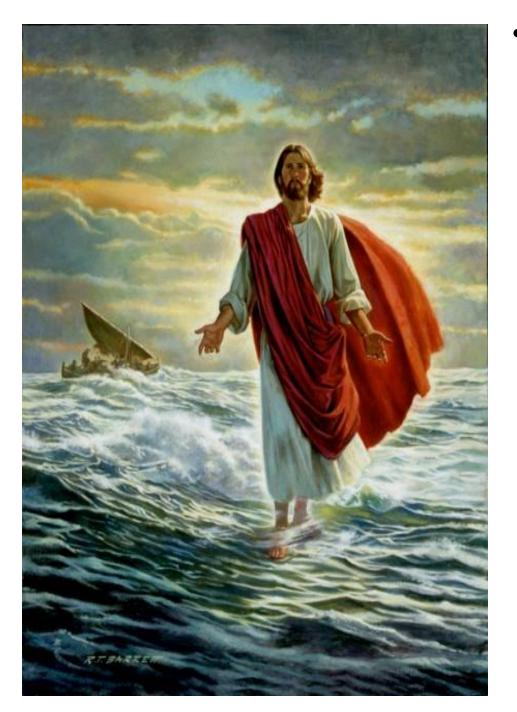
- The Astonishment of the crowd: "He has done all things well" (i.e., what He did was good and compassionate).
- The Affirmation of the crowd: "He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak" (i.e., He can't be a deceiver or a man from the devil).

- The **Abnormality** of the crowd:
 - Jesus commanded them that they should tell no one.
 - However, the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it.
 - They believed that
 Jesus could heal, but
 they did NOT
 understand the Man,
 His Message, nor His
 Mission





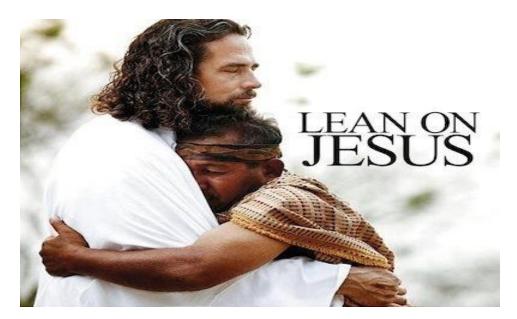
- An Illustration to think about:
 - If a gold mine was discovered on BHBC property and the church leaders told the members to keep their mouth shut about it; could you do it?
 - Why could you do it?
 - Why wouldn't you do it?



- Some Lessons:
 - The miracles of Jesus were NOT for the purpose of sensationalism.
 - The miracles of Jesus are demonstration of His power and authority
 - The miracles of Jesus are illustrations of His power to save and bring in a kingdom of righteousness without any physical disabilities and handicaps.
 - The miracles of Jesus lead to either faith or hostile opposition. Faith leads to obedience and devotion (not a second guessing of the Lord and His intensions)

A Challenge for You!

- The miracle of Christ lead you to trust the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ!
- Do you believe in the truthfulness and faithfulness of the Lord Jesus Christ?



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.